

COMMENT OF  
THE DAY

Middle East  
Defence

**Tory Peer Warns House Of Lords: We Must Beware Of...  
A 'FIFTH COLUMN' IN BRITAIN**

THE Middle East Defence Organisation, whose Council has just completed a two-day conference in Baghdad, is primarily designed as yet another perimeter bulwark against Communist expansion -- military or economic.

Up to this week MEDO, as it is known, has been little more than a paper organisation. Now decisions have been reached which will give substance to the pact. Permanent military and political committees have been established to defend the Middle East against aggression and to develop technical assistance for the region. The solidarity of purpose was one of the most heartening features of the Baghdad conference.

From Mr Harold Macmillan came an appealing proposal for safeguarding Turkey, Pakistan, Persia and Iraq from Communist economic penetration -- the alliance of the technical skills of the West with the natural resources of the Middle East. Put into effect this would spell high prosperity for the associated countries and would render futile the exploitation of Communist propaganda.

THE general proposal has still to be converted into a detailed blueprint, but that it was unanimously accepted in principle is a satisfactory first step towards its realisation. The economic development of the Middle East in which science and technology combines in the work of realising the fullest value of the region's productive potential is essential. This is the surest way of the Middle East countries achieving a stable and permanent economy.

The military aspect of the pact is rather more complex. Three Arab countries are members of MEDO, but one of them -- Iraq -- has other commitments to the inter-Arab defence treaty -- an organisation comprising the eight-nation Arab League. And the Arab League has not looked with much favour on the creation of the Middle East Defence Organisation.

Clearly Iraq will have to walk warily in her military obligations to MEDO lest these are considered by the Arab League to conflict with her commitments under the Arab Defence Treaty.

NOR is that the only consideration. Iraq, as an Arab nation, must support the Arabs in any conflict with Israel, and this contingency was plainly in the minds of all the delegates at the Baghdad conference. Iraq, as strongly as the other participants, urged moderation on the part of Egypt and Israel, for nothing is more calculated to embarrass Iraq's position in MEDO than full-scale hostilities between Israel and Egypt.

While there is good cause for satisfaction over the Middle East Defence Organisation coming into being, its weakness is that it is not fully representative. The interests of the Arab nations in general are no less vulnerable to Communist aggression than those of the MEDO signatories. Despite this, knowledge that the majority of the Arab countries have held aloof from MEDO, preferring to rely on their own strength, inadequate though it be, both economically and militarily.

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**BURGESS  
MACLEAN  
DEBATE**

London, Nov. 22. Britain has a dedicated Communist 'Fifth column' with no standards of honour, no patriotism and no possibility of compromise, Lord Astor warned the House of Lords tonight.

Lord Astor, 48-year-old Conservative peer was speaking in a debate on the British diplomats Guy Burgess and Donald Maclean who vanished behind the Iron curtain in 1951.

He said it was "remarkable" that the British people had been so slow in realising the theory and importance of Communism.

Lord Astor urged the strictest security measures even if it meant preventing people leaving the country.

**DRUNKEN BRAWLS**

He alleged that Maclean was involved in drunken brawls in London with former left-wing friends because they had changed their opinions.

He said that Maclean, who disappeared from Britain in May 1951 with Guy Burgess used to go out in the evening and get "disgustingly drunk" at a certain London club.

"He twice engaged in drunken brawls with former left-wing friends in one of which they were rolling on the floor," he said.

In each case the cause of the attacks was that they had "betrayed their former extreme left-wing opinions."

**PLANE INCIDENT**

Lord Astor said this happened after Maclean's "drunken conduct" in Cairo.

He was surprised that after this he should have been appointed head of the American department in the Foreign Office.

"Did the Foreign Office know of this conduct and tolerate it or were they ignorant?" he asked.

**CAIRO AFFAIR**

Lord Reading Minister of State for Foreign Affairs said of Maclean's social activities in London: "I dare say Maclean went to a number of parties. It may be true that he did indulge in certain drunken bouts."

"But most certainly we did not know."

**"ONE AND A HALF VICTORS..."**



**WE NEED MORE  
"WINNERS"  
SAYS MR WIGG**

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

London, Nov. 22. Britain should revolutionise her aircraft industry and "team up" with America to cut waste, a Socialist MP said in Parliament today.

He was Mr George Wigg, former Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Minister for War in the Attlee Government.

Mr Wigg asked the Minister for Supply, Mr Duncan Sandys, how much money had been spent on 11 types of civil aircraft -- including the giant Princess flying boat, the Vickers 1000 jet airliner and certain marks of the Comets -- which had been scrapped before they could be put into large-scale production.

The answer was: almost £20 million. And that figure is a "net development cost."

Mr Wigg estimates the actual cost to the taxpayer for the whole operation is more than twice that amount.

**GENERATION BEHIND**

As a result, these failures -- and parallel failures in military aircraft -- have left Britain "a generation behind the Americans."

Mr Wigg believes the pinch will be felt soon by BOAC which will be left with the fast but short-range Comet IV and the long-range but slow Bristol Britannia.

With those they will have a complete with the long-range fast Douglas and Boeing jets for which orders have already been taken.

Overseas airlines which have pinned their faith on British aircraft may suffer in the same way -- and British aircraft exports are bound to suffer.

In addition, says Mr Wigg, the Royal Air Force is paralysed by military aircraft failures and the prospects are not bright. He blames the lack of co-ordination in the aircraft industry for the failures.

**NOT POLITICAL**

"This is not a political issue. The answers (given by the minister) showed, as I fully realised, that there were just as many failures under the Socialist Government."

"The trouble is simply that Britain has too many aircraft firms trying to do too much."

He quoted the Victor jet bomber as an example.

**WAR HERO  
SAFECRACKER  
GETS 10  
YEARS' HARD**

Edinburgh, Nov. 22. A safecracker who turned commando to open Hermann Goering's Luftwaffe headquarters safe in World War II was sent back to jail today for practising his craft in peacetime.

The skill that brought John Ramsey, 30, the prize of Allied intelligence chiefs 10 years ago brought him a 10-year sentence in the High Court today.

Ramsey parachuted behind enemy lines many times during the war to blast open safes and lift secret enemy war plans. One of his victims was Goering, the Nazi air chief.

**HOOR OF TRIUMPH**

His arrests brought him a total of 30 years in prison. It was during one of these stretches, in 1942, that the police suggested that Johnny go straight and use his talents to wards winning the war.

During the advance on Rome, Allied leaders wanted a look at secret Axis withdrawal plans. So he parachuted behind the lines, cracked the enemy commando's "top secret safe" and came back with the blueprint.

But his real hour of triumph came when he got into Luftwaffe headquarters and cracked Goering's massive safe.

It was a different story when he was arrested for cracking a safe in Glasgow recently, taking a puny £180 in cash and 30 suitcases in stamps.

The war hero pleaded for leniency but the law was firm. The judge said: "From your conduct and history, you cannot be trusted to abstain from crime."

**BRITISH TRAFFIC LAWS BEING CHANGED  
"Sensible" Drunks  
May Be Let Off**

London, Nov. 22. The British law may make things easier in future for the motorist who, having had too much to drink, realises this and turns over the control of his car to someone else.

Mr John Boyd-Carpenter, Minister of Transport, has put forward a new clause for the Road Traffic Bill, now passing through Parliament, which deals with this point.

The clause provides that a motorist shall not be convicted of an offence merely through having had too much to drink if he can prove two things, namely: (1) That at the time when the offence is charged as having been committed,

circumstances were such that there was no likelihood of his driving the vehicle so long as he remained unfit to do so; and (2) That between becoming unfit to drive and the time at which the offence was alleged to have been committed, he had not driven the vehicle on a road or other public place.

Public uneasiness has recently been expressed over cases where motorists are found they are still liable to be convicted even though, after taking too much to drink, they pass over the keys of their car to someone who is sober and fit to drive. — China Mail Special.

**ISRAEL'S WARNING  
TO EGYPT: 'STOP  
SHOOTING...OR ELSE'**

Jerusalem, Nov. 22. Israel today served a warning on Egypt to stop its acts of hostility.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Michael Elitzur said "It is becoming clearer that Egypt is bent on aggression."

He quoted incidents during the last 36 hours to back up his statement. He said in that period Egyptian Army forces launched four attacks against Israeli troops and civilians in the demilitarised zone of Nitzana.

He said that in the last 24 hours an Israeli fishing boat... an Israeli outpost near Kisufim was attacked from across the border by machine gun fire.

**21 TIMES**

"This morning two Egyptian posts again opened fire on an Israeli post in the Kisufim area."

"This followed a chain of Egyptian provocative attacks... since the ceasefire reached on Nov. 4. In less than three weeks since then Egyptian military positions attacked Israeli posts and patrols with automatic and artillery fire on 21 occasions."

"During the same period there were twelve incursions by Egyptian military planes into Israeli territory. At the same time Egyptian Army representatives in other Arab states, particularly Jordan, have been organising and conducting military raids against Israel."

**Two Killed  
By Falling  
Boulder**

Two men were killed and two injured -- one seriously -- when a 70-ton boulder crashed down on a lorry taking sand from a hillside in the process of demolition at Taiwan Hill Road, near Matauiwei Road, Hunghom, this morning.

The lorry had backed up to the hill to take on sand when the huge boulder crashed down without warning.

It crushed the lorry and with it the driver, while another man was buried beneath the stone. Both men are dead.

Other boulders and a considerable quantity of earth were dislodged and they seriously injured one man, while another was superficially hurt.

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**With Love From..?**

London, Nov. 22. A bank today received a mysterious parcel containing enough strychnine and cyanide to kill 200 people.

There was no return address on the parcel, which contained two bottles of deadly poison.

Mr J. M. Taylor, manager of the Bank (Northumberland Avenue branch of the Standard Bank of South Africa), said he could not imagine why the poison was mailed to the bank. — United Press.

**Nasser For Sofia**

Cairo, Nov. 22. Egyptian Premier Gamal Nasser has accepted an invitation from the Bulgarian Government to visit Sofia. It was announced tonight. The date of the visit will be arranged later. — France-Press.

**LOST AT SEA FOR  
SEVEN HOURS**

Capetown, Nov. 22. Skipper Ora Hansen, 36, of Tonsberg, Norway, who arrived in Capetown yesterday aboard the whale catcher Setter IX, is one of the luckiest men alive today.

When the Setter IX was two days out of Dakar last week, he fell overboard and swam round for more than seven hours before he was picked up in pitch darkness by his own vessel.

Hansen fell overboard at about 9 o'clock but he was found to be missing only at 11.30 p.m. A thorough search of the ship was made but he could not be found.

The crew then realised he must have fallen overboard, and the ship was turned round.

**STOP PRESS**

Cricket Latest

After a brilliant recovery this morning, Malaya, in their second innings against Combined Services, endured a startling collapse, losing five wickets for 28 runs.

At lunch, Malaya were 169 for the loss of one wicket. In less than 20 minutes after lunch the score was 197 for six. Burton was out for 91 and Webb for 44.

Half an hour after the lunch break Malaya had scored 208 for 6.

A report of this morning's play by "Recorder" will be found on page 6.

**Queen's Flying Visit To  
Nigeria In January**

London, Nov. 22. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will leave London on January 27 for their three-week flying visit to Nigeria, Buckingham Palace announced tonight.

The Palace announcement said they would return to London on February 17. Both journeys would be by air.

A spokesman for the British Overseas Airways Corporation said later that the flights would be made in one of the Corporation's Argonaut airliners.

**FIRST VISIT**

A more detailed programme for the Royal tour will be issued in the near future. It will be the first visit to Nigeria by a reigning British monarch.

The first announcement of the Queen's decision to visit Nigeria was made last month. The last Royal visit to Nigeria was in 1923 when the Duke of Windsor, uncle of the Queen, spent several days there as Prince of Wales.

**LARGEST TERRITORY**

Nigeria is Britain's largest colonial territory. It covers an area, including part of the Cameroons, of 373,000 square miles.

The population is more than 31,000,000, composed chiefly of Africans with a minority of Europeans, Americans and Lebanese. — Reuter.

**Six Killed In  
Carrier Mishap**

Washington, Nov. 22. Six men were killed and one was seriously injured when a fighter plane careened out of control down the deck of the aircraft carrier Ticonderoga last night, the Navy announced today.

The accident occurred in the Mediterranean, where the Ticonderoga is operating with the Sixth Fleet.

The Navy said an F-2H Banshee plane, piloted by Ensign Otis Lightner, was making a landing on the carrier after a night navigation flight.

When its tail hook failed to engage an arresting wire, the plane bounced over a barricade, careened down the deck and over the bow, striking eight men on the deck.

The plot was picked out of the water 20 minutes later by a motor whaleboat. The destroyer Goodrich, he suffered only scratches and bruises and was not seriously injured. — United Press.

**MOON LAND SALES LEGAL? A.G. TO INQUIRE**

New York, Nov. 22. A company in Glen Cove, Long Island, today was opened for business selling land on the moon for one dollar an acre, but the State Attorney General announced that he took a dim view of the enterprise and was investigating its legality.

For a fee of one dollar, buyers received a "title" to an acre of land on the "Copernicus Crater" of the moon, with fishing and hunting rights and winter sports facilities, but not including subsoil rights like uranium.

A brochure describing the marvels of the moon... A map permitting the buyer to take a look at his property through a telescope. The enterprise, which has attracted the attention of a number of the law, announced it already had 4,500 clients.

Headed by Mr. Robert R. Cole, former President of the Hayden Planetarium, the company is called the Society for Interplanetary Development.

Mr. Cole registered the company legally in the Glen Cove Town Hall. He and his associates claimed property rights not only on the Copernicus crater but on the entire surface of the moon, on grounds that nobody had previously staked such a claim.

Mr. Cole said he hoped to be one of the first settlers to the moon sometime in the next 10 years.

He admitted his enterprise had its humorous side, but he said it was a serious enough affair, and compared it to the historic sales of land in Texas and the Klondike.

The State Attorney General is not so sure about this. — France-Press.

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# Israel's Appeal For Security Pact Certain Of Rejection According To Diplomats

Washington, Nov. 22.

The United States will reject—at least for the present—Israel's urgent plea for a security pact, diplomats said today.

Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett issued a public appeal for the treaty yesterday in an address before the National Press Club.

But diplomats said the United States now considers the 1950 US-British-French declaration on the Middle East a "pledge" for the Jewish state against possible attack from her Arab neighbors.

That declaration said the three would "take action" in concert with their United Nations obligations to prevent border violations.

In arguing for the necessity of a security treaty, Mr. Sharett said, "That buttressing of Israel's security would not only meet the present emergency but would, by discouraging counsels of aggression, pave the way for lasting peace."

In Tel-Aviv, shots were exchanged between four Egyptian soldiers who penetrated into Israeli territory near Beer-Sheva in the demilitarized Israeli-Egyptian border zone and an Israeli police patrol, an Israeli army spokesman reported this evening.

He said that Egyptian soldiers opened fire first and withdrew over the border when the patrol returned the fire. The spokesman added that there were no casualties on the Israeli side.—Reuter and France-Press.

## Democracy May Cause Headache For Spaniards

Paris, Nov. 22.

The Quai d'Orsay indicated today that the installation in French Morocco of a democratic government might raise new problems for the Spanish zone of Morocco.

A spokesman of the French Foreign Ministry said the position of Spanish Morocco was "difficult."

"When French Morocco evolves toward international freedom, Spanish Morocco will have to do the same thing," he said.

"The installation of a Sherifian government in Rabat will raise intricate problems for Spanish Morocco as it then must be decided whether this government also has power in the Spanish zone," the spokesman said. He also cited an announcement in Madrid by Istiqbal leaders that they will fight for complete reunification of the two zones of Morocco.—United Press.

**Practical Basis**

"The only practical and fair basis for a peace settlement as far as territory is concerned, is the maintenance of the status quo—with or without certain agreed adjustments of the line for the mutual benefit of both sides," he said.—United Press.

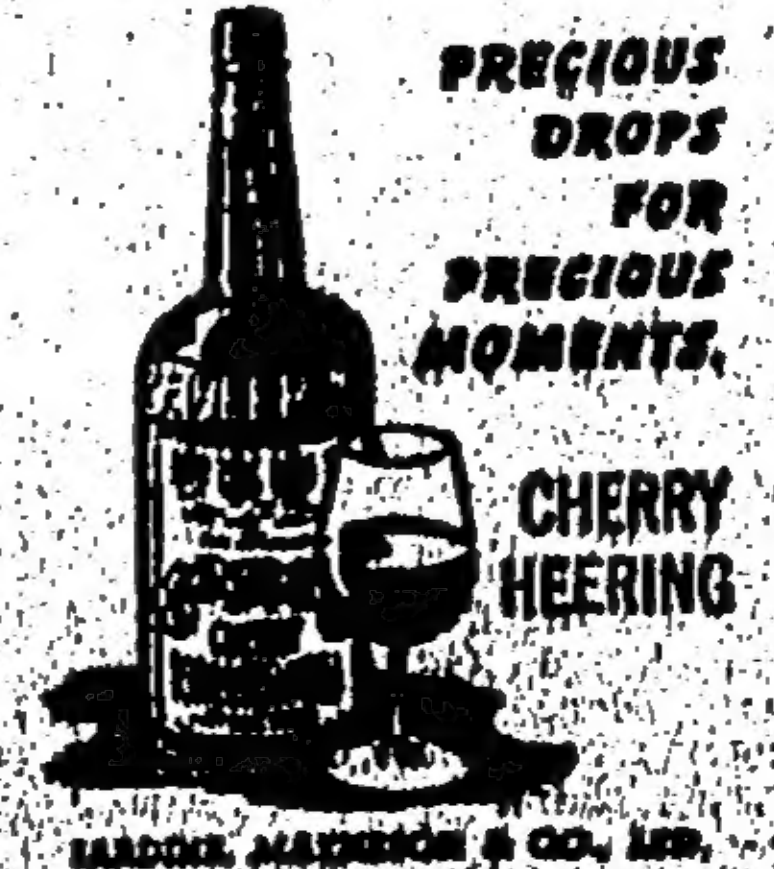
## POUJADE LOSES LEADERSHIP

Paris, Nov. 22.

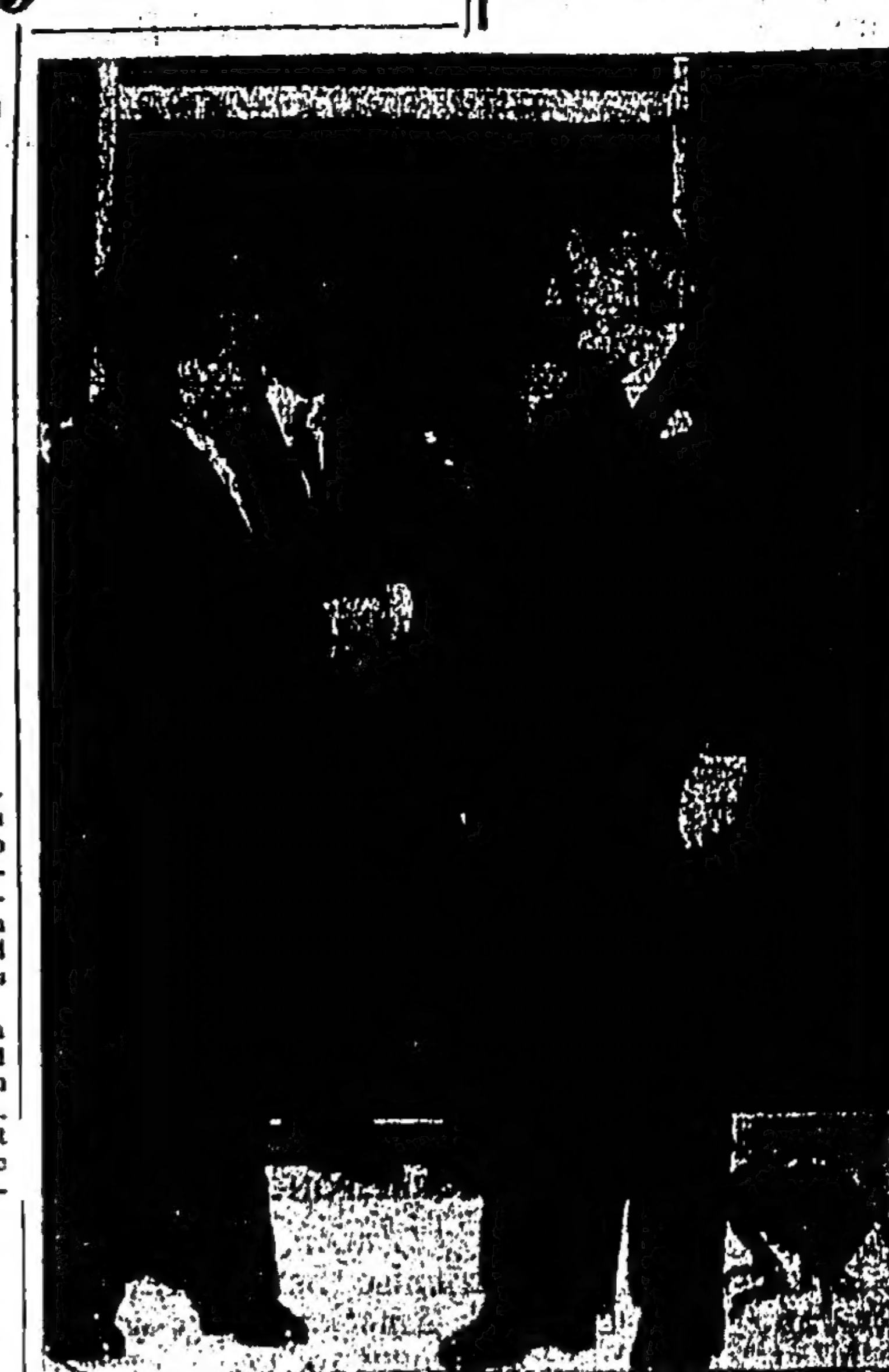
Pierre Poujade's strong arm men ousted their boss today from the leadership of his 1,000,000-member anti-tax movement for trying to get elected to the National Assembly, which he had once called a "heap of manure."

Meeting in the southern French town of Aurillac, they unanimously decided to keep the "union of defense of shopkeepers and artisans" that Poujade founded two years ago out of active politics.

The rabble-rousing 30-year-old stationer from Sati-Cere, a sleepy village in the Pyrenees, was expected to fight back. But the Aurillac decision that Poujade "no longer represents the UDCA" split the movement down the middle.—United Press.

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## Yugoslav Greeted At No. 10



Mr. Edvard Kardelj, the Vice-President of Yugoslavia, who was in London on a 4-day visit, paid a courtesy call on the British Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden, at No. 10 Downing Street. Picture shows Sir Anthony greeting Mr. Kardelj on arrival at No. 10.—Express Photo.

## Ike's Cabinet Could Break U.N. Deadlock

United Nations, Nov. 22.

The United Nations looked today to President Eisenhower's Cabinet meeting for the lead that could break the world organization's deadlock over membership.

Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., chief United States delegate, went to Camp David, near Thurmont, Maryland, to attend the Cabinet meeting with Mr. Eisenhower. Also at the meeting was Mr. Harold E. Stassen, Presidential aide who has represented the United States in meetings of the big powers' disarmament sub-committee.

United Nations delegates expressed belief that the United States would relent in its opposition to the admission of Outer Mongolia and thus end the five-year deadlock.

Mr. Lodge said last week that the United States believed Communist Outer Mongolia "does not make the grade" as a UN member.

Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister V. V. Kuznetsov countered with the warning that Russia would veto all 18 countries whose applications for membership are under consideration unless Outer Mongolia is included.

**Significant**

The deadlock has persisted despite a series of informal lunches, consultations and conversations among the delegations of the Big Four powers. It was on this note that Mr. Lodge went to the Cabinet meeting, presumably for new instructions.

Mr. Stassen's presence at Mr. Eisenhower's Cabinet meeting was also considered significant in view of the meeting of the United Nations' full Disarmament Commission summoned for tomorrow. The Commission, made up of the Security Council and Canada, meets to consider the failure of its five-nation sub-committee and of the Big Four Foreign Ministers in their Geneva conference to reach any agreement on disarmament.—United Press.

## NEW FRENCH STRIKE THREAT

Paris, Nov. 22.

New labour strike threatened to erupt in France today on the heels of a paralyzing air traffic strike that has tied up international airports for 12 days.

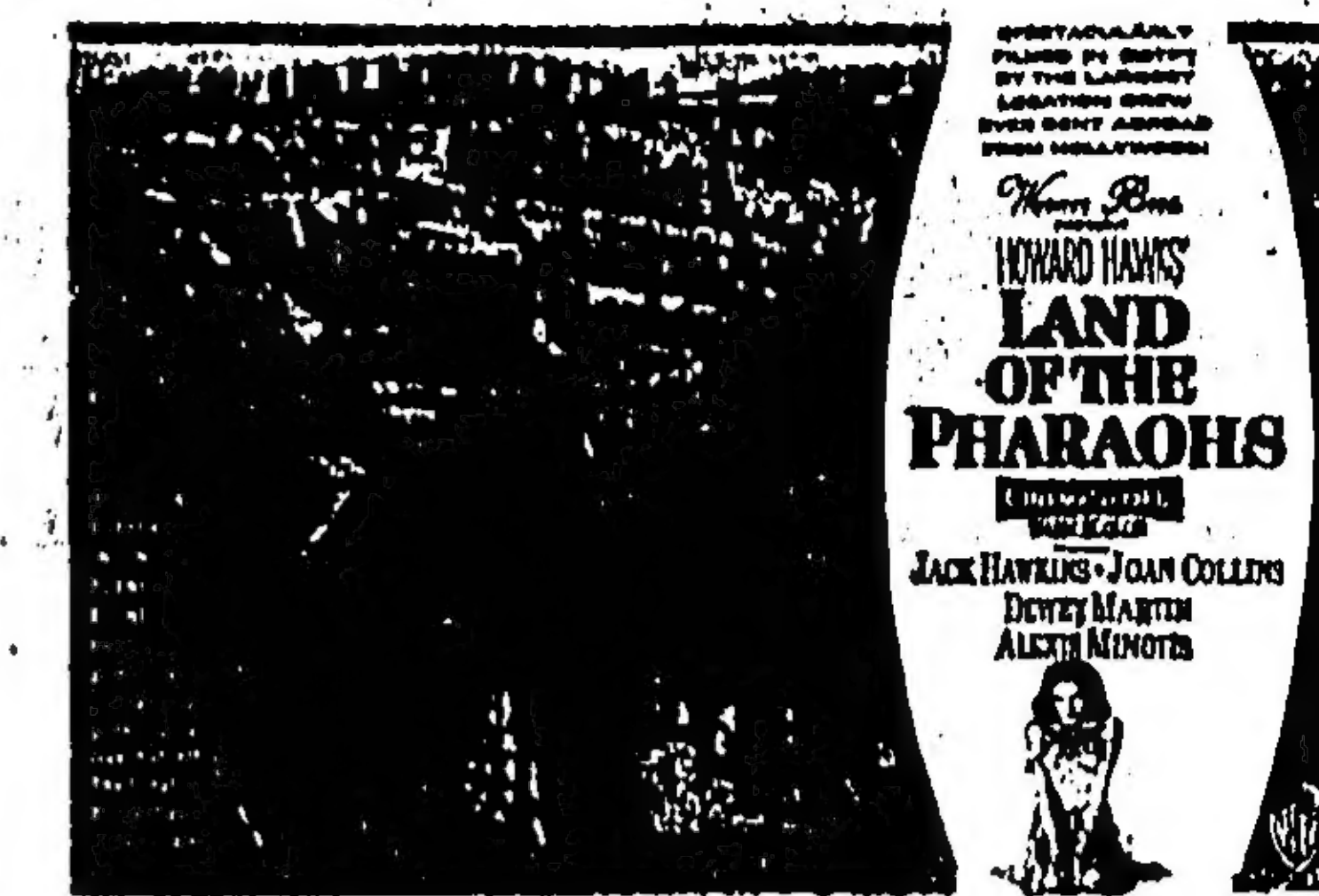
With no end yet in sight to the strikes of ground and weather bureau personnel despite active government efforts, a different sector of France's industry appeared set for strike action.

Workers in Nantes who belong to France's three major unions—the Communist, CDT, Socialist Force Ouvrière (FO), and Catholic CFTO—voted on Monday to take "instant action" if their wage demands are not met.—United Press.

## MAJESTIC FINAL TO-DAY AT 2.30, 5.30, 7.30 & 9.30 P.M.

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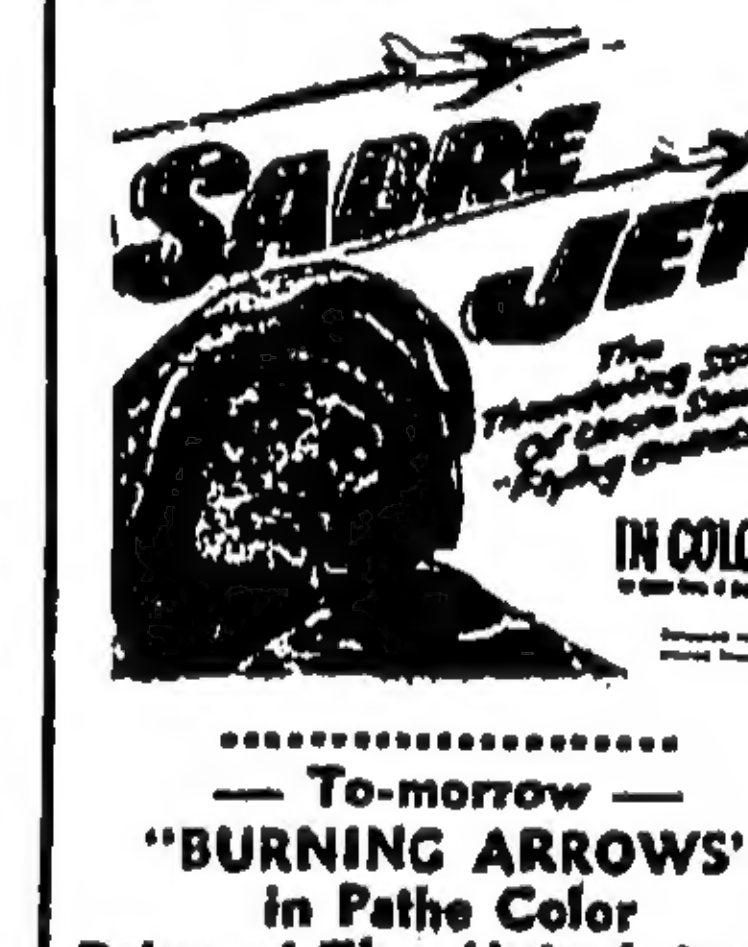
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# Kremlin Leaders' Outburst Shocks West

## USE OF INDIAN PARLIAMENT IS DEPLORED

By Paul Scott Rankine

Washington, Nov. 22.

Western officials here expressed themselves shocked today that Soviet leaders Nikolai Bulganin and Nikita Khrushchev should have used the Indian Parliament as a forum for the attack yesterday on the policies of Western powers who maintain friendly relations with India.

But they said they were not surprised by the substance of these charges. It had been generally anticipated that the Soviet leaders would use the failure of the second Geneva conference as the basis for a prolonged propaganda blast against the West.

They dismissed the statements of Soviet Premier Bulganin about the Western powers setting back disarmament and departing from the "spirit of Geneva" charges as a cynical distortion of truth for propaganda purposes.

### Nothing Official

Feeling here is that Secretary of State John Foster Dulles in his broadcast report on the nation and to the world last week fully answered such charges and placed responsibility for the unproductivity of the Geneva conference squarely on the refusal of Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov to make the slightest concessions.

No official comment is therefore being made on the Soviet leaders' charges.

In diplomatic circles it was pointed out that such statements coming from India by the Soviet leaders would not tend to increase friendship for India in the United States.

One diplomat said that the Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru, should have indicated to the Soviet leaders that they should confine their remarks to Soviet-Indian relations and not use India as a platform for attacks against the West.

In New Delhi, the Hindustan Times, one of India's most influential newspapers, said today that the success of the visit by Soviet leaders will be tested by watching to see if there is any

lengthy lessening of world tensions.

The Times said it appreciated the "exuberance" of Mr. Khrushchev's speech which showed "the cordiality he has learned to feel towards India," but added there were "polemical patches" which are "likely to be regarded as propaganda in several quarters."

The Soviet leader's tribute to Mahatma Gandhi's leadership—a statement which has not come so pointedly from any Soviet sources in the past—was very friendly and gracious, said the Times editorial.

The Times said it was not necessary to entertain doubts regarding the Soviet leaders' declaration of their anxiety to co-operate with other nations in the interest of world peace, but it is the results actually achieved that matter.

### India Willing

"If the Geneva spirit is drooping, it is as much Soviet responsibility as that of any other country to explore ways and means of reviving it," the paper said. "The Government of India is naturally willing to foster closer relations between this country and the Soviet Union but the major purpose of all international friendship and co-operation is strengthening of the causes of global peace."—China Mail Special and United Press.

## La Prensa Editor Returning Home

New York, Nov. 22.

Dr. Alberto Gainza Paz, editor and publisher of the great independent newspaper La Prensa, announced today that he planned to return to Buenos Aires from exile early next week.

"Having fulfilled my engagements and preparations, I plan to return to Buenos Aires the early part of next week," said Dr. Gainza.

It had been presumed, since the overthrow of the Argentine dictator, Juan Peron, in September, that La Prensa, which Peron seized and made a propaganda organ, eventually would be restored. But no definite announcement has been made as yet.

Peron forced the closure of La Prensa in 1951, formally seized it and turned it over to the Argentine General Confederation of Labour, chief instrument of his power.

### Honoured

Dr. Gainza Paz was forced into exile. He went first to Uruguay, across the River Plate in a sailboat, where he already had planned to visit his mother on her ranch. He learned on his arrival that a Congressional Committee had ordered him imprisoned for 15 days.

Dr. Gainza Paz later came to New York. In the United States, he was honoured wherever he went for his long fight to maintain La Prensa as an independent newspaper and his refusal to follow the Peron Party line.

Dr. Gainza never lost confidence that La Prensa would be restored to him.

As soon as Peron was overthrown, he started to complete his remaining engagements and make preparations for his return home.—United Press.

## Police End Woodward Shooting Investigation

New York, Nov. 22.

POLICE withdrew today from the investigation of the shotgun slaying of millionaire sportsman William Woodward, Jr., last October 30, and said they were satisfied with his widow's story that it was an accident.

Nassau County Detective Chief Stuyvesant Pinnell said any further questioning of the widow, Mrs. Ann Woodward, would be up to District Attorney Frank A. Gulotta and the Grand Jury. The police, he said, have "completed our investigation."

The 38-year-old society matron has said that she fired two blasts from a shotgun at her husband in the darkened hallway of their lavish Long Island home, thinking he was a prowler.

### Aged 10 Years

"She has aged 10 years since I questioned her in the hospital," Pinnell said.

Mrs. Woodward was weeping, left the Manhattan Hospital yesterday, after having been under treatment for shock for almost three weeks.

Dressed in black, and weak from grief, she was taken from the hospital directly to Mineda police headquarters, where she was questioned by Pinnell and Gulotta for three hours.

Gulotta said afterward that the information she had given "does not materially alter our opinion of the case."—United Press.



The mother of 22-year-old local income tax clerk Michaelis Karalis is led away from the court at Nicosia, Cyprus, after hearing the rejection of her son's appeal against the death sentence imposed on him following conviction of the murder of a British constable. His lawyers will now appeal to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in London. Another result of the upholding of the death sentence is that the island's British military governor, Field-Marshal Sir John Harding, has received leaflets from the underground terrorist organization EOKA threatening that if Karalis is executed they will counter with the killing of "several Englishmen."—Express Photo.

## WOMAN CANNOT BE TRIED BY MILITARY

Washington, Nov. 22.

A Federal Judge ruled today that wives accompanying their servicemen husbands overseas cannot be tried by a military court martial.

US District Judge Edward A. Tamm declared unconstitutional a section of the 1950 Uniform Code of Military Justice giving courts martial jurisdiction over "persons accompanying the armed forces without the continental limits of the United States."

He handed down the ruling in ordering Mrs. Clarice B. Covert, freed on a habeas corpus writ from District of Columbia jail, where she has been held awaiting an Air Force court martial in the execution of her husband.

He based his decision on a recent ruling of the Supreme Court in the case of Robert W. Toth, 24-year-old Air Force veteran accused of murdering a Korean civilian.

### Unconstitutional

The High Court held it was unconstitutional for Congress to give the armed forces authority, in the Uniform Code of Military Justice, to arrest ex-servicemen for court martial after they had been honourably discharged.

Mrs. Covert was tried and convicted by an Air Force court martial of killing her husband, an Air Force Major-Sergeant, with an axe while they were stationed in England in 1953.

The US Court of Military Appeals reversed her conviction on technicalities and she has been held in jail here awaiting a new trial.

The court record contained testimony that Mrs. Covert, who had been under care of an Air Force psychiatrist, calmly informed her doctor one day that "I killed Eddie last night." Eddie was her husband, M/Sgt. Edward E. Covert.

Five psychiatrists testified at her trial that she was suffering from a severe mental disorder. But she was convicted and sent to the Federal Reformatory for Women at Alderson, West Virginia, to begin serving a life term. Her third child was born at the reformatory.

The appeals court ordered a new trial for her on grounds the court martial had not properly treated the psychiatric testimony.

### Scotland Yard Announces Reshuffle

London, Nov. 22.

A reshuffle at Scotland Yard, the London police headquarters, was announced today. This was believed to be a sequel to last week's disclosure of a number of cases of corruption in the ranks.

Under this reshuffle, a senior police officer was placed on the retired list and three others were transferred to other posts. Sir John Nott-Baker, London police chief, formally denied newspaper reports that as many as 450 police officers would be transferred as a result of the corruption scandal. —United Press.

## Cypriot's First Appeal Fails

# Civil Servants May Get More Pay, Shorter Holidays

London, Nov. 22.

Thousands of Britain's Government civil servants will get pay increases, shorter hours — and shorter holidays — if Parliament adopts the report of a Royal Commission of Inquiry published last Thursday.

The Commission, set up in 1953 to examine pay and conditions in the service, proposes salary increases of £1,500 sterling yearly for top-ranking administrators, whose pay structure, it argues, must take account of what "Big Business" offers managerial chiefs.

But it warns that the pay of the top civil servants—which the taxpayer has to meet—should not try to "match the highest rewards" open to the chief men in industry, or create a national standard.

The pay changes affect 723,721 civil servants.

Increases are recommended throughout lower grades but coupled with a proposal that overtime and extra duty allowances should be abolished.

### Out Of Line

"We are satisfied the present practice whereby civil service office staffs work regular overtime is not found in outside employment and that it is an inefficient and uneconomic practice," the 12-member Commission states.

The Commission states that civil service arrangements for annual leave are "much out of line" with those commonly found in broadly comparable employment.

The Commission concedes the absence of a five-day week in the civil service may be an impediment to recruitment, and

says that a five-day week should be aimed at.

First stage should be the introduction of a 10½ day fortnight, it considers. At present the staffs work five and a half days a week. —China Mail Special.

## Ghost Ship Stops Divorce Proceedings

### Action Against Skipper

Cardiff, Nov. 22.

THE unknown fate of the South Seas mystery ship Joyita halted a divorce action against its vanished skipper today.

His estranged wife, Mrs. Ismay Beatrice Matilda Miller, asked through her lawyer that the divorce suit be suspended until the world learned what happened to the Joyita and the 25 persons aboard it. The vessel was found stripped of its gear and without a soul on board or a clue to where they went.

Mrs. Miller was suing Capt. Thomas Henry ("Dusty") Miller on grounds of desertion when his ship was found abandoned off Suva, Fiji.

### Adjournment

When the case came up today her lawyer David Rowland testified:

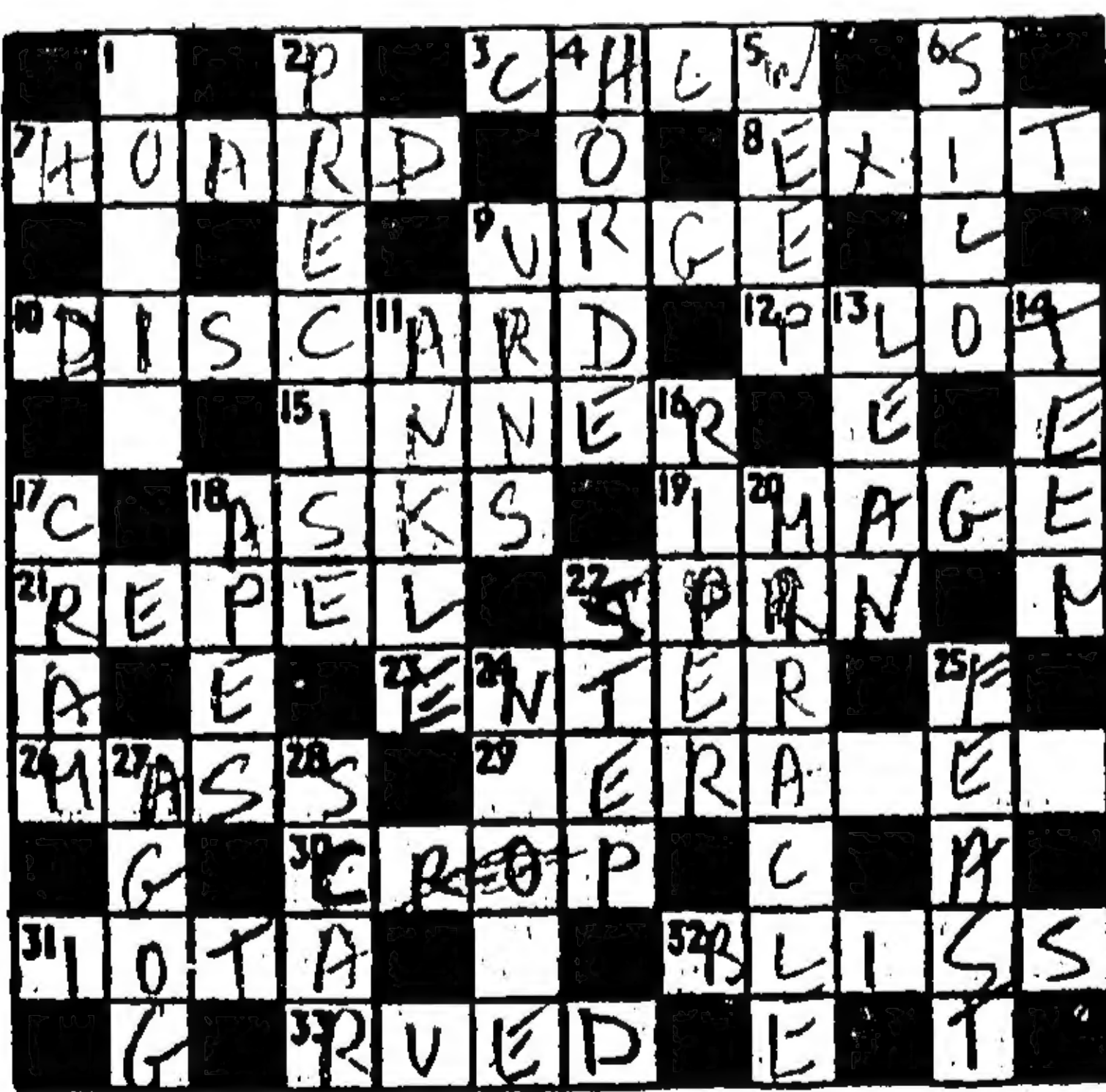
"The ship has been found abandoned hundreds of miles off course. There had been fire on board and no trace was found of the destiny of any of the passengers. The suggestion has been made that the Joyita was attacked by pirates, but the matter is wrapped in considerable mystery."

He asked an adjournment until definite information is received on the fate of Capt. Miller and his passengers. "It may well be," ruled Divorce Commissioner O.T. Temple-Morris, "that this unfortunate respondent may no longer be alive." He adjourned the case sine die.—United Press.



COMING TO EMPIRE THEATRE

## A British Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

- 3 Masticale (4).
- 7 Accumulation (5).
- 8 Way out (4).
- 9 Press (4).
- 10 Throw away (7).
- 12 Conspiracy (4).
- 13 Internal (5).
- 14 Request (4).
- 15 Likeness (5).
- 21 Drive back (5).
- 22 Rotate (4).
- 23 Come in (5).
- 24 Volume (4).
- 26 Muddy (7).
- 30 Breathe (4).
- 31 Jet (4).
- 32 Ecstasy (5).
- 33 Regretted (4).

### DOWN

- 1 Substantial (5).
- 2 Exact (7).
- 4 Multitude (5).
- 5 Lament (4).
- 6 Storage chamber for fodder (4).
- 9 Vessels (4).
- 11 Leg joint (5).
- 13 Spare (4).
- 14 Abound (4).
- 16 More mature (5).
- 17 Stuff (4).
- 18 Animals (4).
- 20 Supernatural event (7).
- 22 Pace (4).
- 24 Ingenious (5).
- 25 Banquet (5).
- 27 Esquer (4).
- 28 Blenheim (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1. Mornes, 7. Esqui, 9. Litter, 10. Cells, 11. East, 12. Restaurant, 15. Tell, 16. Muse, 19. Partridge, 23. Silt, 24. Tired, 25. Stern, 26. Fete, 27. Outing, Down: 3. Galls, 5. Arena, 6. Statue, 8. Reluctant, 9. Peer, 9. Rialto, 12. Tails, 15. Rump, 16. Theatre, 17. Spill, 18. Simile, 20. Inset, 21. Oiled, 22. Item.

## Move To Replace McCarran Act

Washington, Nov. 22.

SEN. Herbert H. Lehman urged Congress today to "erase" the shame of the McCarran-Walter Act and replace it with his more liberal immigration bill.

Sen. Lehman, in testimony prepared for the Senate Immigration subcommittee, said the 1952 Immigration law "represents a pyramid of unfounded fears—fear of foreigners, fear of criminals, fear of Communists and anarchists, and fear even of naturalized American citizens."

He said that if Congress does not revise the Immigration act next year, it will become a political issue in many parts of the country.

Sen. Lehman recalled that President Eisenhower has several times advocated changing the law.

Last night, Senate Democratic leader Lyndon B. Johnson said in a speech in Whitney, Texas, that he will urge changes to make the Immigration laws "fair and just."

Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman, president of the Synagogue Council of America and spokesman for organizations which he said represent nearly every phase of organized Jewish life, forwarded a statement prepared for the subcommittee.

The statement did not, however, specifically endorse the bill sponsored by Sen. Lehman and 12 other Senators.

Sen. Lehman and Rabbi Feldman spoke against the present national origins system of allocating immigration quotas, saying "it was based on false notions of racial superiority." —United Press.

## Judge Refuses Mother's Claim To Child

Detroit, Nov. 22.

Circuit Judge Miles Culehan refused today to order a Detroit couple to return their 18-month-old foster son to a Minneapolis night club hostess who gave birth to the boy out of wedlock.

Mr. Culehan said he based his long-awaited ruling on the fact that the court was "impressed as to the loving and kindly affection and constant personal care" shown the boy by his foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Levitt.

The boy was born at Minneapolis to Mrs. Mary Saunders Borschell, 32, a night club hostess who was not married at the time. She later married the boy's father after he obtained a divorce from his wife.

Mrs. Borschell turned the boy over to the Levitts shortly after he was born. The Levitts testified that they paid \$500 in hospital bills and lawyer's fees to obtain the baby in Minneapolis. They have since moved to Detroit.

### No Papers

The hostess relinquished the infant without signing adoption papers. She said she would not have given him up but was forced to do so because she was ill at the time.

In refusing Mrs. Borschell's habeas corpus writ, Judge Culehan said there were no direct threats in the case which would justify returning the boy to her.

"It appears from testimony that Mrs. Borschell was a woman who was not a mother," Judge Culehan said. —United Press.

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# An All-German Team Will Compete At Melbourne Games

By COLIN LAWSON

An all-German team will compete at the Olympic Games next year. It will be the first East-West German get-together on a national basis since war's end.

For secret talks in East Berlin last week came West Germany's Dr Karl Ritter von Halt, created honorary Reich Sport Führer by Hitler, and Germany's team boss in the 1936 Olympic Games.

He is now president of the West German National Olympic Committee.

With him conferred Heinz Schoedel, Communist President of the German Olympic Committee.

## HOT BATHS QUICKEN REFLEXES

Says STANLEY MATTHEWS

Port Vale have started something new in British football with manager Freddie Steele sending his boys out on the pitch 20 minutes before the start of play on match days.

Dressed in warm track suits, they do running and body exercises and also a spot of ball practice.

They return to the dressing-room for a rub down and change into football kit ready for the kick-off.

I welcome this idea. It has always been my theory that the body should be warm and supple for the start of a League game.

I find the reflexes are quicker and the muscles more ready to work if the body has been warmed up.

For the past four years I and other Blackpool players have had a hot bath followed by a cold shower before every game.

Our trainer, Johnny Lyness, is keen on the idea and we find it loosens up the muscles.

**COMPLETELY FIT**

I remember watching the Hungarians and the Swiss during the World Cup series. They always went out for a 20-minute spell, even in the hot, sultry days of June, dressed in five or six sweaters and a track suit.

This plan certainly seemed to pay dividends, for the Continentals were always eager to get going, looked completely fit from the first whistle, and got quickly into their stride.

When I was at Stoke we used to go out on Saturday mornings for a spell of sprinting. This did us some good, but I feel that a 20-minute burst just before the game would be more beneficial. (London Express Service.)

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## The "Lord's" To End All "Lord's"

By JOHN MONKS

Through the dust and shimmering heat of the desert, 50 miles from Australia's hottest town, Marble Bar, stands a sign — "This way to Lords". It points to the world's strangest cricket ground.

The name sign is scattered along tracks and dried-up creek beds leading through arid land of bleached cattle skeletons and stunted mallee trees.

Across shadeless plains dotted with high ant hills a dry wind moans and sends the temperature soaring towards 115 degrees. The outbreak cricket season is here.

At Marble Bar the temperature often reaches 120 degrees. Most of the year the temperature is above a century. When it drops to 95 degrees the locals put on heavy woollen sweaters and play football.

For weeks gold-miners and cattle drovers have been searching the moving sandhills for a flat area for the Marble Bar team to meet a team from Nullagine.

### SALT BED

Last week a prospector found a dried-up salt bed and drove 80 miles back to Marble Bar to arrange a cricket match.

The team members drove from hundreds of miles around to inspect the rock-hard salt patch and by pedal radio the news went out to outlying cattle stations—average size 3,000-4,000 square miles—"Follow the signs to Lords."

At the week-end spectators began to arrive at "Lords". Some came by jeep or truck. One arrived in a Rolls Royce from 160 miles away, one came by camel; both teams walked onto the shimmering salt bed in gleaming cricket creams.

The Marble Bar fast bowler flung the ball through the hot air and the batsman sent it sailing to the boundary as the crowd of 300 cheered.

### COOL TUNNEL

Two hours before the tea adjournment a powerful desert lorry set off for the Blue Spec gold mine, 60 miles away. From a cool tunnel beneath the desert they rolled three kegs of beer and rushed back to "Lords" with the sold.



There were several worthy claimants for the Spot of Honour this week but after due consideration I award the place at the Top of the Sports Parade to Craftsman Crompton, captain of the Army soccer team, for, as line on exhibition of centre-half play as has been seen in the Colony this season.

Crompton started the season at centre-half, but when it became obvious that something had to be done about the left-back position he willingly agreed to take over.

Last Saturday Ashworth, who has been filling the centre-half position, left on the "Dunera" and Crompton once again accepted the centre-half duties for the important match against Kitchener.

His play was the outstanding feature of the game and his excellent control of the middle of the field soon spread to his team mates with the result that the entire defence had its best game in a long time.

There is little doubt that Crompton would have been right in line for Colony honours if he had been playing regularly in the pivot position but, like the line sportsman he is, he has always put his team first and has played where he was most needed.

**UNEXPECTED RAIN**

Last week's unexpected rain and chilly weather could hide neither the enthusiasm of the players nor the excellent arrangements for the Army Tennis Championships which were held at the USC.

The rain forced the organisers into some re-adjustment of their programme, but so well did the players co-operate, the various competitions were completed in accordance with schedule.

The standard of play in the Championships was commendably high and it was clear to all that the Army has many fine players in the Colony.

Special congratulations go to 2/Lt. M.S. Hughes for his success in the Men's Singles, but there are also hearty congratulations for L/Col. Buckley and Gnr. Halliwell who won the Doubles event.

The two young Gunners made a sound combination but for a time in the final they found the jabbing tactics of Major Kemmis-Betty and SSM Brown puzzling and difficult to counter.

This resulted in the first set going to 12-10 but after that it was a case of youthful vigour triumphing over experience and in spite of stout resistance in the third set Buckley and Halliwell ran out good winners.

The ladies all too seldom get a spot in this column but this week we will pay tribute to Mrs Pusey who won the Ladies' Singles when she over-whelmed Miss Macferridge by 6-0, 6-0. Mrs Pusey, who is the current Colony Singles Champion, also went on to win the Ladies' Doubles with Mrs Smith, and the Mixed Doubles with Major Pusey.

It was interesting to hear that the standard of tennis shown during the Championships has encouraged some people to the point of view that the Army should take part in the Colony Tennis League. Such a move has been suggested in this column on several occasions and the entry of the Army into competitive tennis would be a most popular innovation.

And finally before leaving tennis for this week it is timely to thank the officials of the USC for their grand co-operation and willing assistance during the run of the Championships. It was much appreciated by players, officials and spectators alike.

**HARD TO BEAT**

The eagerly awaited meeting of the rugby sides of 27 and 48 Brigades produced some sparkling play when the teams met at Sookunpo on Saturday.

Pre-match predictions that a close struggle would take place were not borne out. The '48 fifteen struck a game away above anything they have produced so far this season and ran out good winners by 20 points to nil. If the winners' backs and three can reproduce this form they will be hard to beat in the games that have still to be played.

Army sport loses an enthusiastic worker and follower when Major R.J.P. Blyth, RAMC, leaves for home aboard the "Empire Orwell" on Friday. Always a keen sportsman, he was one of the builders and most active members of the fine rugby team at 28 FDS a few years ago. Last season he was secretary of the Army (HK) Rugby Association and did a great deal of the work in connection with the visit of the 7th Regiment's brilliant team.

For three seasons he has carried out the duties of team doctor to the Army soccer team and his expert appreciation of injuries in sport and his prompt action when they unexpectedly occurred, has been

of the greatest possible benefit to many players, whatever the colour of the shirt they happened to be wearing.

His other interests included boxing and earlier this year he did a lot of good work in connection with the Colony Championships and again later when the Colony team was in training in very unseasonal weather for the trip to Singapore.

Last summer he was a regular and popular member of the Hongkong Football Club Lawn Bowls team and I am sure that his many friends in civilian sporting circles will want to join with those in the Army in saying to him and to his family "Thanks for all your fine work... good luck, and safe journey home."

**SERVICE FENCERS**

Calling all fencers! The Hongkong Fencing Association holds classes at the EYMCA on Monday and Wednesday of each week from 6.30 to 8 p.m.

There is an open invitation to Service fencers to attend these classes, and incidentally there is also an invitation to them to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Association which is being held at the same venue on Wednesday, November 30 at 6 o'clock.

There is a strong possibility of two Army teams competing in the HK Fencing League. The DOPT would like to hear from fencers and qualified presidents and judges who would like to take part.

Army cricketers are delighted to welcome such a well-known personality as Brigadier M.A. Greco, CBE, MC, to the Colony. He has come here as manager of the visiting Malaysian Cricket Association Touring Team and already his sound appreciation of all things cricket has made a deep impression on those who have come in contact with him.

Brigadier Greco has had a long and distinguished connection with cricket in many parts of the world and it will be most interesting to hear his impressions of the game as it is played here.

There is sad news for Army athletes. My inquiry as to how far arrangements had been pressed in connection with the proposed visit to Macao was answered with precision as follows: "No letter so no visit... sorry."

What has happened to all our cross country enthusiasts? Up to last night only two entries—74 LAA Regt. RA and 1 Essex—had been received for the Major Units Championships while only one, from 173 Locating Battery RA, has been received for the Minor Units title. Here is a late reminder. Entries for the events close on November 28 and the event is due to take place on December 10.

Entries have been more prolific for the 48 Cdn. Infantry Brigade run on Saturday 20th. In the Major Units event 1 Kings Own, 2/2 G.R., 2/7 G.R., 7 Hussars and 14 Fd Regt RA are forward with entries: 27 Lt Bty, 54 Fd Sqn RE, 11 Inf Wkps, and HQ 48 Bde will fight it out for the Minor Units trophy. Green has had a long 10 o'clock from the Air Strip at Sek Kong.

The 27 Brigade Championship which is due to be run on Tuesday, November 29, will start and finish on the Sports Field at San Wal and spectators should therefore have an excellent view of the proceedings.

Incidentally so far only one entry has been received for the Colony Championships... it's from an individual... NON military!

**SOCCER QUIZ**

The Army soccer referees beat their counterparts from the RAF in the Football Quiz at the EYMCA on Monday evening. The final score was Army 84 points, RAF 70½ points. The show proved to be excellent entertainment as well as being informative.

The victorious Army team was Lt Minto, REME (Class I); QMS Browning RE (Class II); Ctn Partridge REME, Sgt. Kelly RA and Ctn Hepple REME (Class III).

Congratulations to the Army North cricketers for their victory over their South colleagues in a friendly game at the week-end. The result has started healthy speculation as to the possible

## AROUND HOLLYWOOD

# MISS WYNTER, A COMPARATIVE NEWCOMER, COMES OFF EXCEPTIONALLY WELL

By MICHAEL RUDDY

"The most talented actress from Britain since Vivien Leigh" is the way critics praised Dana Wynter in her first Hollywood film, "The View From Pompey's Head."

My friend, Harrison Carroll, veteran reviewer and columnist, says "Lovely, and revealing inner fire Miss Wynter, a comparative newcomer, comes off exceptionally well. She is the most feminine and alluring of recent Hollywood discoveries. A good actress, too."

I talked with her the other day on her return from meeting cinema-owners, the Press and the people on radio and television. Accompanying her was Richard Egan.

"You learn about America this way," said Dana, smiling. "It was snowing in Minneapolis last week but bright sunshine in Denver and in San Francisco. It was the hottest November day on record, 84 degrees. Everywhere people were marvellously kind and I'm most encouraged."

Two films will be shooting soon in London—"23 Paces Baker Street" and "The Sixth of June." In the first, Van Johnson plays a blinded play-wright who solves a murder because he can feel his way around; the girl may be Joan Simmonds will play the American Red Cross girl and the trio of struts lines up as Richard T. or Trevor Howard, Jean Richard Egan.

**SOFT AND MELLOW**

A slim blonde, wearing black shell-framed glasses, watched Brian Aherne and Alec Guinness in a scene from "The Swan." I watched her, Grace Kelly is all-alike, she is soft and mellow. Her smile is delicate and her voice is soft and mellow. I waited

until she changed into a period dress, light-bodied, for her role of the princess and as she knitted, we talked of London and Paris and plays.

"Yes, I can take a year off to return to the theatre," she said. "But at present nothing is settled. I find it very difficult to play far ahead. Like last year, I leased a house here for four months and actually used it for four nights."

Jessie Royce Landis came over to rehearse some dialogue with her. "You know Miss Landis?" I said I did, very well. "Jessie was my mother in 'To Catch a Thief' and she's my mother in this."

At last something new in Hollywood—a mother and daughter team, and both delighted that their first effort was a Command Performance film.

On the set, I heard that Brian Aherne will do "The Apple Cart" on Broadway and wanted Greer Garson to co-star with him. Allegedly she declined, saying, "But, Brian, I wouldn't be on stage until the second act. What would I do during the first act, twiddle my thumbs in the dressing-room?"

Sound-stages are presumed to be sound-proof. I found out

that they are not while watching Kirk Douglas and Pamela Brown in a dramatic scene in "Lust for Life," the story of Vincent Van Gogh. Director, crew, staff were intent on the players as the cameras followed them across a large room. Suddenly, the roar of a motor.

Sounded to me like a sports job. An assistant director rushed outside. He returned quickly, shrugged. "It was Lilliane Montevichi starting her Jaguar outside the stage," he said. Apparently Lilliane didn't notice the red light indicating that they were shooting.

**UNHAPPY SEAMSTRESS**

Preview: "The Rose Tattoo" memorable for a magnificent portrayal of the unhappy seamstress by Anna Magnani who worked with her screenplay in Italian and English and had to learn English for the role. I predict an Academy Award nomination for her. We had tea while she was filming and she frankly said, "Hollywood, huh, I go home quick to Rome." And she did—with \$40,000 to help her forget the ordeal.

Sunday afternoon, Hollywood, you had Rex Harrison, Kay Kendall, Margaret Leighton, Jill Adams, Valerie French and others to watch in "The Constant Husband" while having tea. For super, Claude Rains and Vivien Leigh in "Antony and Cleopatra" and if you wanted to end the day with a movie, "Outcast of the Islands" with Trevor Howard and Ralph Richardson, all on Channel four, TV. This was the first American showing of "The Constant Husband" and I learn that Sir Alexander Korda was paid \$70,000 for this.

Jack Benny's long tax battle with the US Government ended in his favour and he saves a million dollars. It began in 1948 when he sold his company, Amusement Enterprises Inc., originally formed for capital gains objectives, for about a million pounds. The tax officials wanted 75%, not 25%, the capital gains rate. Benny's battery of lawyers won his case and saved him a sizable sum.

**DESERT SIREN**

A year ago, a long-legged blonde was getting ten guineas an hour as a model. She came to Hollywood, signed a contract with Batjac, John Wayne's company, had a small role as a Chinese woman in "Blood Alley" then played a model in the Martin and Lewis farce, "Artists and Models."

Followed a terrific publicity campaign and to our surprise, she landed an important role in "War and Peace." Now she's co-starring with Victor Mature in "Zarak Khan" and will collect \$30,000 for playing a desert siren. Her name: Anika Ekberg.

I sat beside Marlene Dietrich on the Barbary Coast set of "Around the World in 80 Days." "I am mad about London and I cannot wait for my engagement at the Cafe de Paris," she said in her deep, husky way.

Whatever happens to this South African in the future he is certain to make a lot of friends because he has engaging charm and old-world courtesy. Is this a good thing for a professional boxer?

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"Obviously I have my eye on the premier boxing title, but I think it will take me three years: to get the right experience."

**LACKS OPPONENTS**

For most boxers it is easy to get plenty of fights, but it is not so with the "gentle giant" from the veldt. After running out of opponents in South Africa he came to Britain, but still finds few men are willing to meet him.

Two men originally named to box him have withdrawn, including the coloured Canadian Earl Walls who is ranked fifth in the world. Getting sparring partners is much more complicated for Potgieter than finding tailors willing to make him a suit.

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1. Receiving the Statement  
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1955.
2. Electing three Directors
3. Appointing Auditors and  
fixing their remuneration
4. Confirming the Interim  
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recommendation of the  
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ment of a Final Dividend  
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December, 1955 to 16th  
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dance with standing instruc-  
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# ILLICIT DIAMOND MINERS PAY TO DIG ILLEGALLY

Blama, Sierra Leone, Nov. 22.  
Illicit diamond miners are becoming  
so numerous in Sierra Leone that they now  
have their own security force and pay  
money for the privilege of digging  
illegally.

In recent months, the number of illicit  
miners has been growing at an alarming  
rate. Teachers and clerks are almost as  
numerous in the diamond fields as farmers  
and labourers.

Some areas are particularly  
well organised. In these, to  
become an illicit diamond miner  
everyone has to pay a fee of  
between £5 and £10 for a pass  
known as the "right to mine  
illicitly."

Once the money is paid and  
the ticket issued, the would-be  
miner can go ahead. He is told  
the area of land which he can  
work and is not likely to be  
disturbed if he keeps to it.

But if he fails to pay his fee  
to those in charge of the area  
in which he is working, he is  
not likely to stay long. If he  
is caught on working after being  
warned, he will probably dis-  
appear and will not be heard of  
again.

**Will Be Attacked**  
Should he stray from the land  
which has been allocated to him,  
his neighbours will attack him.  
Then, if he gets away with  
severe injuries, he will be con-  
sidered lucky.

Landowners are often the men  
in charge of the area and it is  
to them that verbal application  
has to be made for a mining  
"licence."

It is in the Kono area that a  
lot of this mining takes place.  
Up to now, the only legal dia-  
mond mining that has been  
allowed has been carried out by  
the Sierra Leone Selection Trust  
who had a monopoly agreement  
with the Government.

But with illicit diamond  
mining becoming so rampant,  
the Government has come to  
terms with the Selection Trust  
and hopes, early in the new  
year, to introduce legal diamond  
mining for Africans outside the  
area of about 400 square miles  
already being worked by the  
Trust.

Even the announcement of  
the proposed agreement has not  
stopped down the rush to the  
illicit areas. These are in-  
variably swamp lands in the  
middle of the lush or scrub  
forest.

The illicit miners work under  
spitting conditions. A num-  
ber of them, perhaps 30, will  
work a clearing which they  
have made in the forest each  
keeping to a well-defined plot  
of land.

**Gang Wars**  
There will be pits, under-  
ground tunnels and quite deep  
shafts, all dug with spades  
and few of them propped up. The  
result, quite often, is that there  
are earth subsides and men  
are buried. Death can easily  
come in this way, as in the  
most vicious gang wars that  
break out. Rival diggers in  
dispute over a particular section  
of land will often fight it out  
with their shovels as weapons.

Each gang of four or five men  
will employ their own watch-  
man who, at night, guards their  
particular claim, probably with  
an ancient flint-lock gun to  
enforce his authority. During  
the day time, there will be men  
up in the trees round the whole  
area, each with a gun which they  
will fire in warning should they  
sight another gang approaching  
or, more likely, the police on a  
raid.

To the illicit diamond fields  
go also the African buying  
agents and the traders. The  
agents wait on the edge of the  
digging area with suitcases  
stuffed with pound notes. They  
are good judges of diamonds  
which the illiterate diggers  
often are not—and pay on the  
spot, usually about one tenth  
of the real value of the find. About  
60 per cent of the diamonds  
from Sierra Leone are gem  
stones.

**Difficult Job**  
Then the traders move in to  
make their money. They pro-  
duce tinned food, beer and  
other essentials and their prices  
are never less than 300 per cent  
above those in the nearest town.

The police have the most  
difficult job trying to arrest  
illicit diamond diggers. The  
police are few and the areas  
covered enormous, without  
trucks or even quite often, any  
clearly marked tracks. On one  
raid recently a band of 30  
police tried a flanking attack—  
for once they set off in the  
general direction of an illicit  
diamond field fast runners from  
local villages, in the pay of the  
diggers, will go ahead to give  
the alarm.

So the police walked through  
the forest, starting off in the  
correct direction, for about 30  
miles, swimming the rivers and  
going up to their knees in mud  
in the swamp areas. Before  
they got within drinking dis-  
tance of the mining area, how-  
ever, the guards in the tree  
tops had seen them and every-  
one disappeared into the dense  
forest.

Sometimes, the police are  
lucky. They have only to find  
a man digging, or being in an  
illicit mining area, or even  
possessing one diamond for him  
to be charged. The penalty  
for any of these offences is  
very high.

When legal diamond mining  
for Africans becomes possible,  
official buyers will pay the dig-  
gers far higher prices than they  
can hope to get now. This  
should stop most of the illicit  
digging and with the Chiefs and  
their people co-operating in an  
all-African venture it is hoped  
that law and order will be re-  
stored.—China Mail Special



## Chinese Women's Delegation In Karachi

Karachi, Nov. 22.  
Madame Li Teh-chuan,  
China's Minister of Health,  
arrived here tonight at the head  
of an eight-woman delegation  
representing women organisa-  
tions in China. They were on  
an official three-week visit to  
Pakistan.

Madame Li was greeted at  
the airport on arrival by  
Colonel Hamid Nawaz, chief of  
the foreign protocol depart-  
ment, and leading spirit of the  
Pakistani feminist movement  
AOWA.

Among other delegates were  
Madame Chen Shing, a corres-  
pondent of the New China  
News Agency, and Madame La  
Hsia, a politician in the Mos-  
lem province of Sinkiang.—  
France-Press.

## Reward For Heroine

Dr Ines Martini, an Italian  
heroine doctor and radium  
researcher, was presented  
with the Gold Medal during a  
ceremony in the Great Hall of  
the Milan Museum of Science  
and Technique. While work-  
ing in the Ancona Public  
Health Centre Dr Martini  
suffered serious internal in-  
juries as a result of radium  
burns. Her husband—an  
Army Lieutenant who has  
only recently been released  
from Soviet captivity—hopes  
that his wife will be saved  
by Italian specialists, but  
many of them think that Dr  
Ines Martini is doomed.  
Picture shows: Dr Ines  
Martini with her husband at  
the conferring of the  
Gold Medal in the Great Hall  
of the Milan Science Museum.  
—Express Photo.

## IRAQ ROYAL ROMANCE DENIED

Rabat, Nov. 22.  
Reports that the Sultan of  
Morocco's eldest daughter will  
marry young King Feisal of  
Iraq are "without foundation,"  
an official spokesman of the  
Imperial Palace said today.

Reports from Cairo said the  
70-year-old king's uncle acted  
as go-between for a marriage  
with teenage, French-educated  
Princess Lalla Aicha when he  
called on the Sultan last week.

The Palace spokesman said,  
"This news is devoid of all  
foundation."

The spokesman said Sultan  
Sidi Mohammed ben Youssef got  
a royal invitation to visit Iraq  
while he was in Paris, but that  
no decision had been made  
about it.—United Press.

## PRISON RIOT DEATHS 4

Casablanca, Nov. 22.  
The death toll rose to four to-  
day in the riot of political pris-  
oners which occurred in a  
civilian prison here last Satur-  
day.

Earlier, three Moroccan pris-  
oners died from injuries inflic-  
ted by the police who used tear  
gas to quell the riot. Another  
injured prisoner died today.—  
France-Press.

## New Road To The Clouds Reveals An African Switzerland

Maseru, Basutoland, Nov. 22.  
Southern Africa's "Switzerland" has  
been opened up to the world with a  
spectacular new £250,000 "road to the  
clouds" which is due to reach the heart of  
Basutoland's 11,000 feet high "Alps"  
sometime next year.

Engineers working on the road call it  
the toughest job they have yet handled on  
the African continent.

Miles of the road have had  
to be blasted through wild,  
rocky terrain, sometimes along  
precipitous cliff faces and at  
altitudes where winter tem-  
peratures have frozen fresh  
eggs solid and immobilised  
transport with frozen batteries.

Work on the road, financed  
by the Basutoland Government  
and grants from Britain's  
Commonwealth Development  
Fund for this piece of British-  
run territory inside South  
Africa, began in 1951.

### Replace Paths

Linking Maseru, the Basu-  
land capital, with a central  
point over 80 miles away to  
the east among the peaks of  
the territory's mountainous in-  
terior, the road will replace  
ancient bridle paths for trans-  
port of mountain wool and  
wheat yields as well as pro-  
vide exciting new scenery for  
travellers penetrating the Tib-  
etan atmosphere of Basutoland's  
fastnesses.

Originally it was hoped to  
push the new road immediately  
right over the "roof" of Basu-  
land from west to east to give  
South Africa a new communi-  
cation route between the Or-  
ange Free State and Natal. But  
that must wait for more funds.

A handful of white techni-  
cians and supervisors with an  
African labour force are now  
in their fifth year of living "on  
the road", moving their camp  
of prefabricated huts or tents  
each year further into the

interior as the road has moved  
like a giant sky-racer track up  
mountain sides, an average of a  
mile of something over a mile  
a month.

Wives of some of the white  
men live on the job in the  
mountain wilderness with their  
husbands, enduring bitter  
winters when snows three feet  
deep blanket the mountain  
slopes and sub-zero tempera-  
tures stall machinery by  
hardening oils. In the summer,  
electric storms flash and crash  
around the surrounding peaks  
and rains bog down road  
transport.

### A Veteran

Driving snow finds the gaps  
in living huts, and beds have  
sometimes to be moved in the  
night to keep dry. Two African  
labourers froze to death one  
night as a result of sleeping  
in wet blankets in the moun-  
tains.

The resident engineer in  
charge of the road construc-  
tion, a veteran of construction  
work all over the world, de-  
scribed the mountain winter of  
Basutoland as one of the coldest  
he knew anywhere.

From the time the new road  
leaves the outskirts of Maseru,  
in the foothills of Basutoland's  
towering mountain mass, it is  
hardly ever level. It crosses  
half a dozen mountain passes in  
an unbroken succession of  
ascents and descents.

From the first 2,000 feet rise  
out of the foothills to the 7,200  
feet high Bushmans Pass, an  
endless panorama of mountains  
and valleys unfolds for more  
than 50 miles of the eastern  
horizon.

For years, it has been a re-  
mote world, shared only by the  
blanket-robed inhabitants of  
Basuto mountain villages, their  
cattle, sheep, goats and  
scouring birds of prey.

Completion of another ten  
miles of road to a moun-  
tain area where it is planned  
to establish a new Central Dis-  
trict for Basutoland will soon  
give travellers a three-hour  
motor run to a point of the  
Basutoland interior which was  
formerly three days' journey by  
foot from Maseru, or a  
short but hazardous flight by  
aircraft.

It will open up regions so  
remote that few white people  
except government officers,  
missionaries, lonely traders  
and a few hardy tourists ac-  
customed to days in the saddle  
and nights under canvas yet  
know.

### Remote Regions

Tourist agencies anticipate  
considerable traffic for the road  
when it is ready. The day it  
can be carried through to meet  
the Natal border over the  
breadth of the great  
Drakensberg mountain range,  
it may be classed as one of the  
scenic highways across the  
"roof" of southern Africa.

Touching an altitude of  
nearly 10,000 feet at one point,  
the new road is one of the  
highest in the world and al-  
ready an attraction for many  
pioneering drivers, including  
American tourists who have  
tried the climb, just to go up  
and come down again.

Apart from scenery, the  
Basutoland mountains, with  
many streams and waterfalls,  
are said to have some of the  
best trout fishing in Africa.  
Whatever size fish may run  
there, Basutoland can already  
claim the highest waterfall in  
Africa, the spectacular 630 feet  
Maitlanyane Falls.

### Paintings Found

Bushman paintings are fre-  
quently found in Basutoland  
mountain caves, relics of an  
earlier age. More recent dis-  
coveries are fossilised footprints  
of the giant dinosaurs, which  
once inhabited this continental  
area.

All these travel assets may  
become of considerable financial  
value to Basutoland's limited  
economy if the new mountain  
road can be developed as a  
tourist highway through the  
country.—China Mail Special.

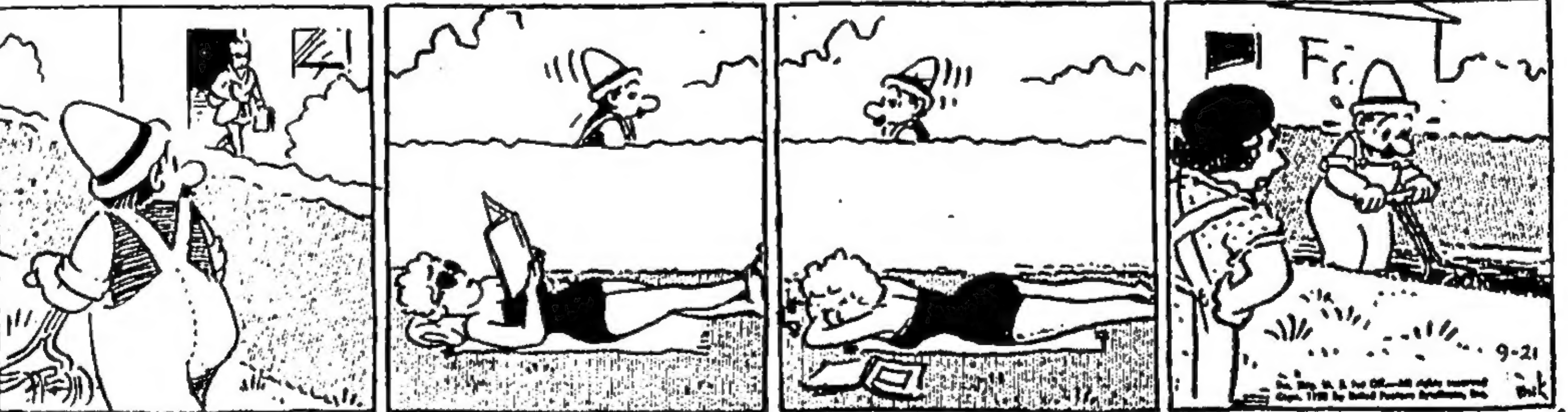
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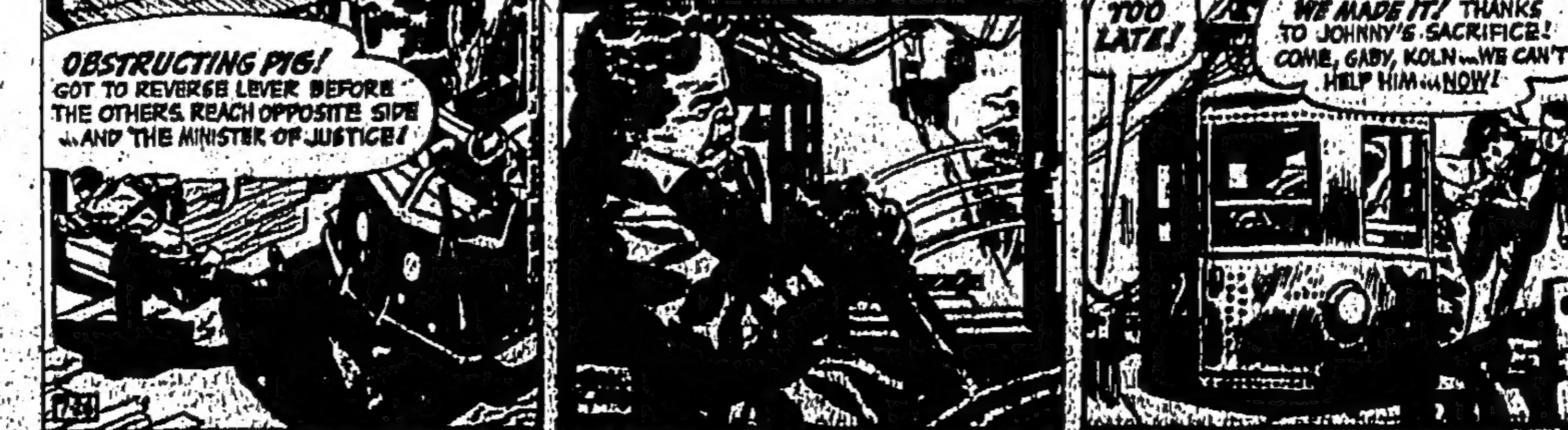
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Brothers In Court

THEY were brothers, the ebullient, fair-haired man in the witness-box at Bow Street and the dark, brooding one in the dock, whose eyes were sunken as if through lack of sleep.

Richard, the man in the dock, was correctly, almost formally dressed—dark suit, hard white collar, navy blue tie.

He looked as if he were a man of the law, a man of the court, a man of the law.

CASH ON DELIVERY  
RICHARD had pleaded guilty to three charges of embezzlement. He asked the magistrate, Mr. K. Barnard, to take into consideration 27 other cases.

Richard had been that of a driver, delivering goods to his employer's customers. Some of them paid cash on delivery for the things Richard took to them, over a period of four months, he kept to himself £120 of the money.

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A Prince Comes Of Age Next Monday

Tokyo, Nov. 23. Prince Yoshi of Japan, the second son of the Emperor Hirohito and the Empress Nagako, who comes of age on November 28—his 20th birthday—will become a member of the Imperial Family Council on that day.

He will also be given the princely crown, by his father, the Emperor, at a ceremony in the palace.

But although he will be a member of the Family Council from November 28, Prince Yoshi will take no part in its discussions until he graduates from the Gakushuin University in Tokyo in March, 1958.

Second in the line of succession to the Japanese throne, after his elder brother, the Crown Prince, Akihito, he has told his tutor, Mr. Motofumi Higashizono, that he intends to devote his life to science.

Now in his second year at the university, he is studying biology and chemistry. For years, he has been collecting shells and insects, primarily butterflies.

LIVES IN HOSTEL  
The prince does not live at the Imperial Palace during term time but in a hostel belonging to the university. From there, he goes to the Palace to dine with his parents twice a week—and to watch television.

He has no television set in his room, but he has a small radio which he has to listen to in company with the student with whom he shares it.

At the hostel, he is famous for his ability to eat eggs. The students can buy eggs on credit and Prince Yoshi is always one of the largest egg buyers.

From the day the first egg bill arrived, the students started calling the prince "the egg buyer."

His favourite music is Dostoevski, and he prefers American films. But he only goes to the cinema twice a month.

His tutor says that the prince is about 30 male friends, some of them youths of "blue blood," some of them commoners. He has invited all of them to the Imperial Palace for his coming of age ceremony.

There are also ten girls in the prince's class. These, according to his tutor, he treats as he treats the boys—like equals.

LONG WORKING DAY  
He likes to meet foreigners and to practice his English. But says his tutor, the prince has not time for any private lessons in English any more. He is too busy studying science.

His working day starts at 8.30 in the morning and he returns to the hostel about 4.30 in the afternoon. Often, he stays in the university laboratories until after 8 o'clock at night.

A serious young man, he does not smoke, says that he does not like to drink. He is a "care about" Marlon, Monroe or Greta Garbo, and has some difficulty in making do with his allowance of 2,000 yen a month (£2 sterling).

LIKES BEER  
He likes beer and square dancing, but has not yet had time to master the fox trot, samba, mambo, or tango.

Sometimes he finds the burden of being a prince heavy. He went twice to see the American film "Roman Holiday" starring Gregory Peck and Audrey Hepburn playing the role of a princess who enjoyed going on a spree and temporarily escaping the chains of life in a palace.

He commented that the situation of the runaway princess was "very similar" to his own. Today, there are only seven princesses and seven princes in Japan. A total of 23 princes and 18 princesses lost their titles in the postwar "democratization" purge which left titles to members of the imperial family only—Reuter.

Strikers Scuffle With Police  
Several people were hurt when thousands of strikers scuffled violently with the police outside the Labour Exchange today. Fifty of the demonstrators were arrested.

The demonstrators—workers in the building and metal industries—were protesting against employers' rejection of strikers' wage demands.—France-Press.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Gee, Dad, if it takes you this long to do fifth grade homework, what will I do next year?"

Man Overstays His Permitted Time

Ramon Woon, 44-year-old Chief News Editor of Rediffusion Ltd., was fined \$500 by Mr J. E. Durling at Central Magistracy this morning for failing to abide by conditions imposed by the Immigration Office—limiting his stay in Hongkong to one month ending on July 24.

Woon, also known as Weng Ling-yu, pleaded guilty through his counsel, Mr Lawrence Leung.

Inspector G. Bathgate, of the Immigration Office, told the Court that Woon arrived in the Colony from Taipei on June 24, when his stay in Hongkong was restricted to July 24.

On November 22, Insp. Bathgate continued, the defendant tried to obtain a Hongkong identity card, and when the matter was referred to the Immigration Officer, the defendant was charged.

MISAPREHENSION  
The defendant appeared to be under misapprehension in thinking, from certain excerpts from the Chinese Press, that his stay in the Colony would have been legalised by applying for an identity card, the Inspector said.

"As the defendant is employed as News Editor of Rediffusion, and has his family in the Colony, the Immigration Officer does not ask for an expulsion order," Insp. Bathgate concluded.

Mr Lawrence Leung, in mitigation, stated that the defendant's family is resident in Hongkong.

After entering the Colony on a month's permit, Woon got his job with Rediffusion, and just as he was about to see the Immigration Officer about an extension of stay he read an article in a Chinese newspaper which stated that "non-Cantonese

Air Minister Leaves  
The Secretary of State for Air, Lord De Lisle and Dudley and Air Marshal Sir Francis Fressanges who arrived in the Colony on Monday in the course of a tour of RAF units in the Far East left for Malaya by an RAF Hastings plane this morning.

Before boarding the plane the Air Marshal inspected the guard of honour drawn up from men of RAF units at Kai Tak.

The party were seen off at the air port by the Air Officer Commanding, Air Commodore A. B. Messenger and Group Captain A. J. M. Smyth, Station Commander, RAF, Kai Tak.

Women Victimised  
Three cases of larceny from the person occurring in Kowloon were reported to the Police yesterday. In each case the victim was a Chinese woman pedestrian.

Two of the cases occurred in the Yau-mai district and the third in Shamshuipo. A suspect has been detained in one of the cases following a chase through the streets of Yau-mai.

ALLEGED SCALDING & STABBING

Jury Examine Wound Marks

The Jury in the Criminal Sessions this morning examined wound marks on the complainant's neck and body allegedly caused by scalding and stabbing during the trial of Lee Lai, 29, carpenter, charged before Mr Justice James Wicks with wounding Lee Cheung, his former factory foreman, with intent to murder.

The alleged attack was stated to have taken place in the Nee Wuh Tseng Carpentry Factory in Java Road on the morning of August 29.

Accused faces an alternative count of unlawfully and maliciously wounding Lee Cheung with intent to do him grievous bodily harm.

Mr W. S. Collier, Crown Counsel, prosecuting, said that the complainant was a foreman of the carpentry factory and for some seven years past accused was also working there.

Accused joined the factory originally as an apprentice and remained in the employ there until sometime towards the end of July.

Crown Counsel said that quarrels between the accused and the complainant took place from time to time. The quarrels were about the day to day running of the work. The foreman was not entirely satisfied with the work of the accused and told him about it. This was not altogether to the liking of the accused.

Accused eventually having completed a job at the end of July accused resigned. Nevertheless he was living at the premises and was seen about the factory from time to time in the ensuing weeks.

THROWS CONCEE AT FOREMAN  
Mr Collier said that accused sold his carpentry tools, with the exception of some chisels and an axe to an apprentice.

About 11.30 a.m. on August 29 accused was seen walking to the factory carrying a bowl of hot boiling concee, apparently to eat it, Crown Counsel said.

Accused walked towards the complainant and threw the concee over his head, Mr Collier alleged, in the process some of it splashed over on to another fork.

The complainant then suddenly felt something sharp hit him and on looking around saw the accused striking at him with an axe, Crown Counsel said.

Other members of the staff tried to separate them but the accused by this time succeeded in stabbing complainant with a chisel, causing various wounds.

Eventually accused was stopped from this attack. Complainant was taken to hospital where he remained in a critical condition for some time.

SCALD WOUNDS  
Dr P. L. Chiu, medical officer, Queen Mary Hospital, said that he examined complainant and found scald wounds on the neck and head, two sharp wounds on the scalp and other wounds on the back. He was admitted for treatment, the witness said.

Dr Chiu said he also examined Lee Fu who had superficial wounds on the abdomen. He was discharged after treatment.

Dr Richard Yiu, medical officer, Queen Mary Hospital, said he treated the complainant, who was in a state of shock. He was subsequently sent to the operating theatre.

At the request of his Lordship witness pointed out the wound marks on the complainant to the Jury.

Dr Yiu said that complainant's condition was serious when he first saw him. He was discharged on September 11.

Both Dr Chiu and Dr Yiu said they were of the opinion that the wounds on the complainant could have been caused by a sharp instrument used with force.

Hearing is continuing.



ON THE RECORD

Lionel Hampton and his band recently had a bad crack-up in the States. The band was taking them from one place to another. It happened when the bus had a blow-out just outside a town called Truth or Consequence in New Mexico and the whole shebang landed at the bottom of an embankment. Lionel Hampton broke an ankle and his trombonist, Al Hayes, broke his back.

Hampton fans everywhere breathed a sigh of relief when it was known that Lionel was not badly hurt and it is expected that he will go on his European tour in January as arranged.

Incidentally, whilst on the subject of European tours, a note in "Melody Maker" that Chet Baker's singing got him the "Razz" from Paris fans... and the same source tells of a recent and very serious illness, in Sweden, of Stan Getz.

SAMMY DAVIS JR.  
Last week I made two mistakes in the Record Review. I told you that the new Sammy Davis Jr. LP was a recent RCA release and I neglected to mention the most startling thing about the performance of Sammy in "Because of You."

The disc is, in point of fact, a Decca and the amazing talents of Sammy Davis are admirably displayed in the long and yet all-too-short version of "Because of You."

In it he sings in the style of such varied voices as Tony Bennett, Nat King Cole, Duke Ellington and Frankie Laine and then carries on to give his impression of how the song would be sung by such stars as James Stewart, Edward G. Robinson, Cary Grant and James Cagney. The end of this amazing demonstration of showmanship has Sammy giving the finest impersonation I've ever heard of Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis. It is worth hearing.

ODDS AND ENDS  
Peggy Lee has impressed everybody with her acting in "Pete Kelly's Blues" and it may be that we will see the "Peggy Lee Story" on the screen. It certainly would be a good story because Peggy has been up top for a long time but has never really got into the public's favour to the extent that less able singers have done.

More and more Christmas records are arriving in the shops and I see that Jimmy Boyd still has fans. The record is an old one of course is still "White Christmas" and as you probably know the Bing Crosby version will keep him in luxury for as long as he lives.

"The Yellow Rose of Texas" is steadily marching into all the requests from home, hospital and camp and appears to be on its way to being a big hit here as it still is in the States. How very different though, the new one by Mitch Miller and the old one from a few years ago.

There may be news soon of another record of record being pressed in Hongkong... and that of course means that you'll get your hits a little earlier.

RECORD REVIEW  
"Count Basie—An RCA Victor 'Collectors' Issue"—LPM 1112, One LP.

Here's a collection of Basie bands from the 1947-1950 period and what more do you want. Four of the numbers on the disc were recorded during a three-day session in May 1947 and have Walter Page on bass, Charlie Price and Paul Gonzales.

Others joined by Ronny Washington, Buddy Tate and Preston Love in the big band number. (Trumpet men: Emmett Berry, Ed Lewis, Gene Young and Harry Edison get together for one of these four numbers and Jo Jones drums it all.)

Two other numbers were recorded in October of the same year, two in April of 1949, one in July, 1949 and the rest on February 6, 1950. In all the numbers of course Count Basie is the glitziest and this disc wouldn't be the one if it is were anyone else.

The record is labelled as being with "Enhanced Sound" but to me it sounds fairly routine. A good disc for Basie followers and for all who like jazz.

AMMUNITION FOUND  
Workmen employed on an excavation work at Tai Wai, Tung Wan yesterday discovered 180 rounds of 303 ammunition and 84 rounds of miscellaneous calibre ammunition.

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